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This was the second Afro editor to receive brutal harassment by City Officials.

Afro editor Calvin E. Beatty, Jr. was attacked by pistol totin' fireman a few months ago in the lobby of City Hall.

These acts of brutality and intimidation by city police and officials on Black Citizens will not go unnoticed. They will not deter us in our fight for justice and equality for Black People.

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AFRO EDITOR ARRESTED IN WAKE OF POLICEMAN'S DEATH

Dec. 12, 1967

Irate over the death of a policeman at the hands of a white tavern owner, the Saginaw police force (vigilantes included), invaded the ghetto and terrorized black citizens with intimidating riot guns, big-bored pistols and the works.

They invaded a neighborhood hangout on Lapeer Street, alledgely in search of armed robbery suspects, pushing and shoving black people around and insulting them with verbal abuse.

Arriving on the scene at 2:15 A. M., Afro editor Arthur Smith was greeted with the business end of an automatic shotgun starring him in the eye. After the initial shock, Smith told the officer, "don't point that damn thing at me!"

After a brief exchange of words, Smith dissappeared into the crowded restaurant. After about three minutes, He stepped outside again. Moving through the crowded doorway he was stopped again by an officer who shouted, "I told you to move on." To which Smith replied, "I'm trying to go to my car(pointing) if you'll stop harrassing me."

"Move on, I said," the officer repeated, pointing in the opposite direction of the car.

"Well, can I cross the street here?"

"Get going, I said."

"Can I cross the street here?"

"The cop again hollered, "just get going."

As Smith took a step toward the curb, the cop grabbed him from behind and shoved him against a parked car, saying, "alright! Place your hands on the car and spread your legs apart.

While being searched and handcuffed, Smith asked the cop what he was looking for and what was he being charged with. He was told, "Failing to follow a lawful order of a police officer," to which he asked what specific order.

After they reached the station, the charge was changed to "Harrassing Conduct."

Within 45 minutes, Smith was released on bond and driven to more comfortable quarters by a caravan of Black Brothers who had been alerted by Afro reporter, Bill "Tennessee" Bettis. Bettis had accompanied Smith to the scene of the confrontation and taken notes.

INSIDE STORIES

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Poems of Our Times--- Langston Hughes

WORDS LIKE FREEDOM

There are words like Freedom
Sweet and wonderful to say
On my heartstrings Freedom Sings
All day everyday

There are words like liberty
That almost make me cry.
If you had known what I know
You would know why.

BLACKNESS IS A RELIGION
AND/OR PHILOSOPHY

This Religion and/or Philosophy Should Be
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Dedicated to the Mayor
Henry G. Marsh

THE ELDERLY LEADERS

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EDITORIALS

TO INFORM AND INVOLVE"

THE INNER CITY SCHOOLS ARE THE BLACK STUDENTS PROVING GROUND.

By James Boggs

PART II

Black students in this particular period must begin to recognize the need for them to go into the field of political struggle and political leadership with as scientific and understanding and as sacred a dedication as a doctor goes into his field. They should know that just as scientific brainpower is needed for technological development and and economic brainpower for business administration so political brainpower is needed for political struggle and leadership. It is necessary that black students begin to develop a corps of political thinkers and leaders with the same systematic approach to political reality and political struggle as Kwame Nkrumah and Frantz Fanon, Karl Marx and Lenin, Fidel Castro and Mao-Tse-Tung, ready to determine which are the forces for progress in this society and how they are to be mobilized for power, and which are the forces against progress and how they are to be immobilized. This is necessary because the first lesson of political science is that no group or nation potentials that cybernation makes possible, unless there is a cadre of political leaders developed to organize the struggle of the revolutionary forces inside society for the taking of power, the possibility of this potential being used for the needs of people is little or nil. The prospect rather is a long drawn-out series of concessions that satisfy a few, alternating with reprisals and war against the unsatisfied many.

Such a task will not be easy. It can be accomplished only by systematic day-to-day careful, one-by-one organizing until there is a small grouping of students at each school. These can then establish a city-wide student council which will take the responsibility for leading students towards the goal of black education today. This goal is, and can only be, black political leadership of the inner city, black control of the Board of Education black control of health and welfare services, black control of inner city housing, black control of the Police Department, and black control of all facets of the administration and government which regulate and set the standards by which we live.

Of all the ingredients needed to achieve this goal, the most important at this step is the conviction that, regardless of setbacks, ultimate victory is ours. This is particularly necessary in the United States where the idea of defeat of the black man has been so systematically instilled into the black people themselves that a tendency to self-destruction or martyrdom(side by side with a tendency towards individualism) can lurk unconsciously within the cadre unless it is systematically rooted out of every member, leader and supporter. The movement for Black Power cannot afford other Malcolms, other Emmett Tills, other Medgar Evers, but must build first and foremost the kind of organization which has the strength and discipline to assure that there will be no more of these.

WAS JESUS REALLY A COWARD?

A young Black man had begun a stir around his house by saying that Black was Beautiful and he also grew his hair long. Since he had always been a child who never caused trouble, his mother called her pastor.

The pastor talked earnestly to the youth, saying, "Ialways believed that you were a good boy. You've come to my church regularly ever since you could talk and I feel that it is my duty to warn you that you are starting out on the wrong road. These people who have been telling you various things will do nothing but get you in trouble. It is true that everything in this world is not as it should be, but it is our duty to do the best we can. We must put our faith in the Lord for only through His mercy can we be saved. If you start opposing the white people, you will only find yourself without work and maybe you will even wind up in jail and I know that, that would break your mother's heart. So remember Jesus said that when a man smites you on one cheek, turn to him also the other."

The young Black man was caught in a dilemma. Although his intelligence knew that a great evil needed rectifying, and he, with his youth and strength, was the one best qualified how could he buck the opinion of a man he trusted all his life and the love of his mother?

The decision that this young Black man makes will be the most important in his life, because it entails what he will think of himself and what he will be thought of by others.

If the young Black man truly believes in Jesus, I can offer him an answer. If a man, by hitting you, can make you do as he wishes, then why shouldn't he think that if he continues hitting you, you will continue doing as he wishes. If you do all another wishes, then you are that person's slave and Jesus says "A man cannot serve two masters, for he will hate the one and love the other."

Jesus meant in turning the cheek, not the bowing into weakness, but a strength of will so strong that even physical violence could not dent the steel of the faith. He never taught submission to evil, but the life-defying resistance to evil. And to prove this point, he died on the cross. It is well done if when a young Black man debates within himself the course he should take, if he asks also, "Was Jesus really a coward?"

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It seems to be open season on black students by teachers of both races. Seems as if the thing is to use anything they can get their hands on to reprimand students. Since when has it become necessary to apply physical punishment so severe, that students have to receive medical attention.

There is a storm brewing over Buena Vista way. Lack of recognition of black students rights to participate equally in all school activities and inability of school officials to even hear grievances aired by irate parents.

The County prosecutor was so efficient in expediting so called riot cases, but he has taken no action on a certain city official who has yet to be arrested on a assault and battery charge. He will have to be brought to trial one way or other Mr. Prosecutor, whether you do your job or not. There are a lot of concerned people who will want to know why you have continually passed the buck where black people are concerned.

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Afro Beauty Contest

The Lovely, Shirley Rheams, 21, A native of Baton Rouge, La., who went "Au Natural" as a step toward self-definition; discovered that with the "creator's" design she's a NATURAL WINNER (Pun Intended). As such she will receive a check for $25.00 to help her with her Xmas Shopping.
FOR THE EDITORS AND STAFF OF THE AFRO-HERALD WE SAY TO EACH OF OUR CONTESTANTS "KEEP THE FAITH BABY" FOR YOU ARE A WALKING TESTIMONY TO THE BEAUTY OF BLACKNESS.....

RESULTS OF THE AFRO BEAUTY CONTEST VOTING WAS AS FOLLOWS:

TOTAL VOTES CAST	143
Winner: Shirliey Rheams	33
2nd Place -Glenda Robinson	28
3rd Place -Liz Green	26
Charlotte Henderson	15
Elaine Jones	15
Julia Scott	11
Myrtle Collier	9
Frances Hodges	6

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BLACK IS BEAUTIFUL

I'm a man,
Black, that is!
And there is but one thing which brings
tears to my eyes.
That is to hear
Man, woman or child
Stand up with strength
And say, "I'm proud.

I'm Black,
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Down Front

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WHAT'S IN A NAME?

The to-each-his-own approach is rejected by opponents of the word "Negro". They say that all black people are affected in the deepest reaches of their being by the collective label. And, they contend that the quest for the right name is the most sophisticated level of finding and projecting one's identity.

The worse trick of all is when the "honkie" names us Negro and calls us Negro. And, when we call ourselves that, we end up tricking ourselves. We were scientifically produced by the white man. Whenever you see somebody who calls himself a Negro, he's a product of Western Civilization; by Western Civilization, I mean the "white world". Baby, everything that is black originates from the East.

One of the main reasons we are called Negro is so we won't know who we really are; When you call yourself that, you don't know who you really are.

You don't know what you are, you don't know where you came from. You don't know what is yours. As long as you call yourself a Negro, nothing is yours. No languages--you can't lay claim to any language, not even English; you mess it up. You can't lay claim to any name, any type of name that will identify you as something that you should be. You can't lay claim to any culture as long as you use the word Negro to identify yourself, it attaches you to nothing. It doesn't even identify your color. Which is Black and Beautiful, baby.!

If you talk about one of them they call themselves white don't they? or they might say Puerto Rican, Chinese or Chinaman or even African. When they speak of this, they're giving him a better name. Because there is a place to fit each name.

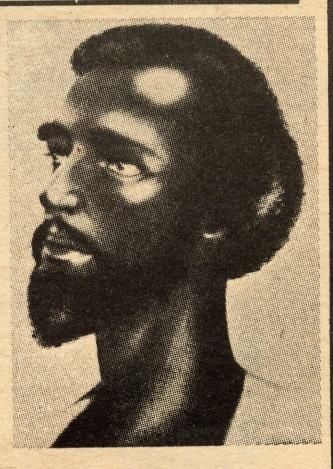
Negro doesn't tell you anything. I mean absolutely nothing. What do you identify it with? Nothing, it's completely in the middle of nowhere. And when you call yourself that, that's where you are--right in the middle of nowhere. It doesn't give you a language, because there is no such thing as a Negro language. It can't give you a country, because there is no Negro country. It doesn't give you a culture, there is no such thing as a Negro culture, it doesn't exist, and the land doesn't exist, the language doesn't exist, and the man doesn't exist. They take you out of existence by calling you a Negro. You can walk around in front of them all day long and they act like they don't even see you. This is because you made yourself non-existent.

Just as a tree without roots is dead, a people without history or cultural roots also becomes a dead people. And so in conclusion know who you are, what you are, and you will also be saying "Black Is Beautiful, Baby."

"Be as proud of your race today as our Fathers were yesterday. We have a beautiful history and we will create another in the future that will astonish the world."
Marcus Garvey

WHAT DID JESUS *REALLY* LOOK LIKE?

THE BIBLE SAYS HE LOOKED LIKE YOU!



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The charming Runner-Up is MRS. LEANER HILL of 404 So. 12th St.

The Sojurner Truth Chapter#40, O.E.S. are: Mrs. Anna Adams-Worthy Matron, Mrs. Mattie Heath-sec., Mrs. Anna Kelley-treas., Mr. Edward Hightower-Worthy Patron.

SOUL MASTERS BAND in action at the Legion Friday nite during Teen dance.

Over 150 persons attended the Reception honoring CAC Director Rev. Ben E. Cox. SHOWN HERE: Rep. Fred O'Neill and Sen. Phillip A. Hart pose with Cox.

Asst. Pros. Gerald K. Dent and CAC comm. member, Jesse Dailey share joke during reception at St. Rita's.

MISS TRUEVINE CONTEST HUGE SUCCESS

The contest was the highlight of the pre-Christmas musical held Sunday night in the packed auditorium of Truevine Baptist church 2930 Janes. Miss Wanda Ruth Williams was crowned "Miss Truevine of 1967", 2nd runner up was Miss Claudia Johnson, 3rd runner-up was Miss Linda Williams. The beautiful little girls who stole the show were: crown-bearer; Marlyn Ann Lilly, giftbearers; Sharon Williams, Synthia Reed, Genice Williams, and Darla Hewitt. The Young Adult Choir of the Truevine Baptist Church and Rev. R. B. Corley deserve highest praise for the beautiful affair.

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Otis Redding, proclaimed the "king of soul singers", and with good reason, had only last week accepted an invitation to entertain troops in Vietnam.

The Bar-Kays, a young group from Memphis, had recently made their debut on the STAX label (see Afro-Herald vol. 1 #2).

I m sure the tragic fate of these young musicians is a great loss, not only to their familys, but to the people who dig the sound of "raw soul" the world over.

"TENNESSEE"
(WILLIAM A. BETTIS III)

Church News

By: Brother Dave Beatty

WINTER MUSICAL

SHOWN HERE ARE THE FABULOUS GOSPEL CARRIERS: 1 to r; Birney Sullivan, Dorthe Wooten, Mrs. Theresa Bell, and James Williams; missing from photo is Dave Pickens

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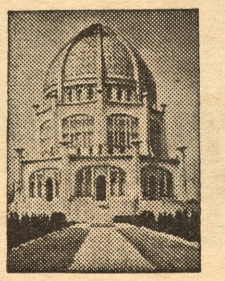

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